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TAGS:CGEN, UR, US (CHERNYAYEV, RUDOLF)(ENGER, VALDIK)

SUBJECT: ESPIONAGE ARRESTS - UPDATE

REF: STATE 130758

1. FYI DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NEW YORK CITY  
LAW FIRM WOLF, POPPER, ROSS, WOLF AND JONES HAS BEEN RETAIN-  
ED TO REPRESENT CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER.

2. FULL TEXT OF SOVIET EMBASSY PROTEST NOTE DATED MAY 22  
AND DELIVERED BY MESSENGER FOLLOWS:

3- "THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS, BY THIS NOTE, CALLS ONCE AGAIN THE ATTENTION  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
TO THE ABSOLUTELY UNLAWFUL NATURE OF THE ACTIONS OF US  
OFFICIAL AUTHORITIES WHO, ON MAY 20, 1978, ARRESTED TWO  
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SOVIET CITIZENS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT,  
WHO ARE DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

4. ,IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EMBASSY ONCE AGAIN CONFIRMS  
THAT CHERNYAYEV AND ENGER HAVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY FROM  
ANY KIND OF CRIMINAL LIABILITY BEFORE A US COURT AND  
DEMANDS THEIR IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

5. "THE EMBASSY PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL  
NORMS REGARDING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES, WILL CONFIRM  
THE DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF SOVIET CITIZENS CHERNYAYEV AND  
ENGER TO THE US COURT AND WILL TAKE ALL THE STEPS TO  
CLOSE THE CASE BROUGHT AGAINST THEM." END FYI CHRISTOPHER

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